

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in full compliance with the Office Action of December 1, 2004. By reason of this amendment, it is submitted the instant application is in condition for allowance; and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In the Office Action under reply, replacement Fig. 1, filed February 9, 2004, was deemed to be improper; and in addition, further changes to Fig. 1 were requested by the Examiner. Replacement Fig. 1 is submitted herewith that satisfies the Examiner's objections.

The Abstract was objected to. By this amendment, a new Abstract is submitted that overcomes the Examiner's objections.

The specification was objected to because it referred to Appendix A and Appendix B; and the Examiner maintained that these appendices were improper. By this amendment, Appendix A is submitted as new tables in new Figs. 4A-4P; and Appendix B is submitted as new tables in new Figs. 5A-5P. It is submitted that the presentation of the appendices as tables in new drawing figures is permitted by section 608.05(b) of the MPEP, and particularly the first paragraph in the right-hand column of page 600-121 of the May 2004 edition. Since the appendices are reproduced here as drawing figures, it is manifest that the new drawing figures do not contain new matter.

Claims 1-28 were objected to; and the Examiner kindly noted the reasons for his objections. The claims are amended to overcome the Examiner's objections; and the withdrawal thereof is respectfully solicited. However, Applicants' attorney requests reconsideration of the objection to claim 14, line 1 and to claim 28, line 1. The Examiner contends that the antecedent basis for "said predetermined periodic functions" is singular. However, claim 10 recites two

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Please add new Figs. 4A-4P and new Figs. 5A-5P, as set out in the enclosed drawings. These new drawing figures correspond to Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively.

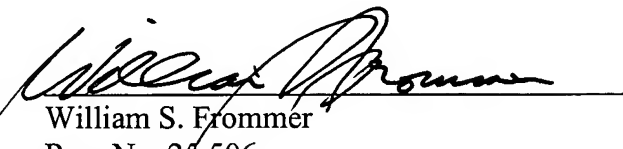
predetermined periodic functions, as does claim 24. Accordingly, claims 14 and 28 are correct as originally presented.

The Examiner found claims 3 and 17 define patentable subject matter. (Other claims also were found to define patentable subject matter.) Accordingly, to streamline the prosecution of this application and to expedite its allowance, the subject matter of claim 3 has been added to claim 1 and the subject matter of claim 17 has been added to claim 15. Accordingly, claims 1 and 15 now are in condition for allowance, as are those claims that depend from claims 1 and 15.

The Examiner kindly noted that claims 10-14 and 24-28 define allowable subject matter. Since these claims have been amended to address the Examiner's objections (see above), claims 10-14 and 24-28 and in condition for allowance.

Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-16 and 18-28, all of the claims presented in this application are in allowable form; and the issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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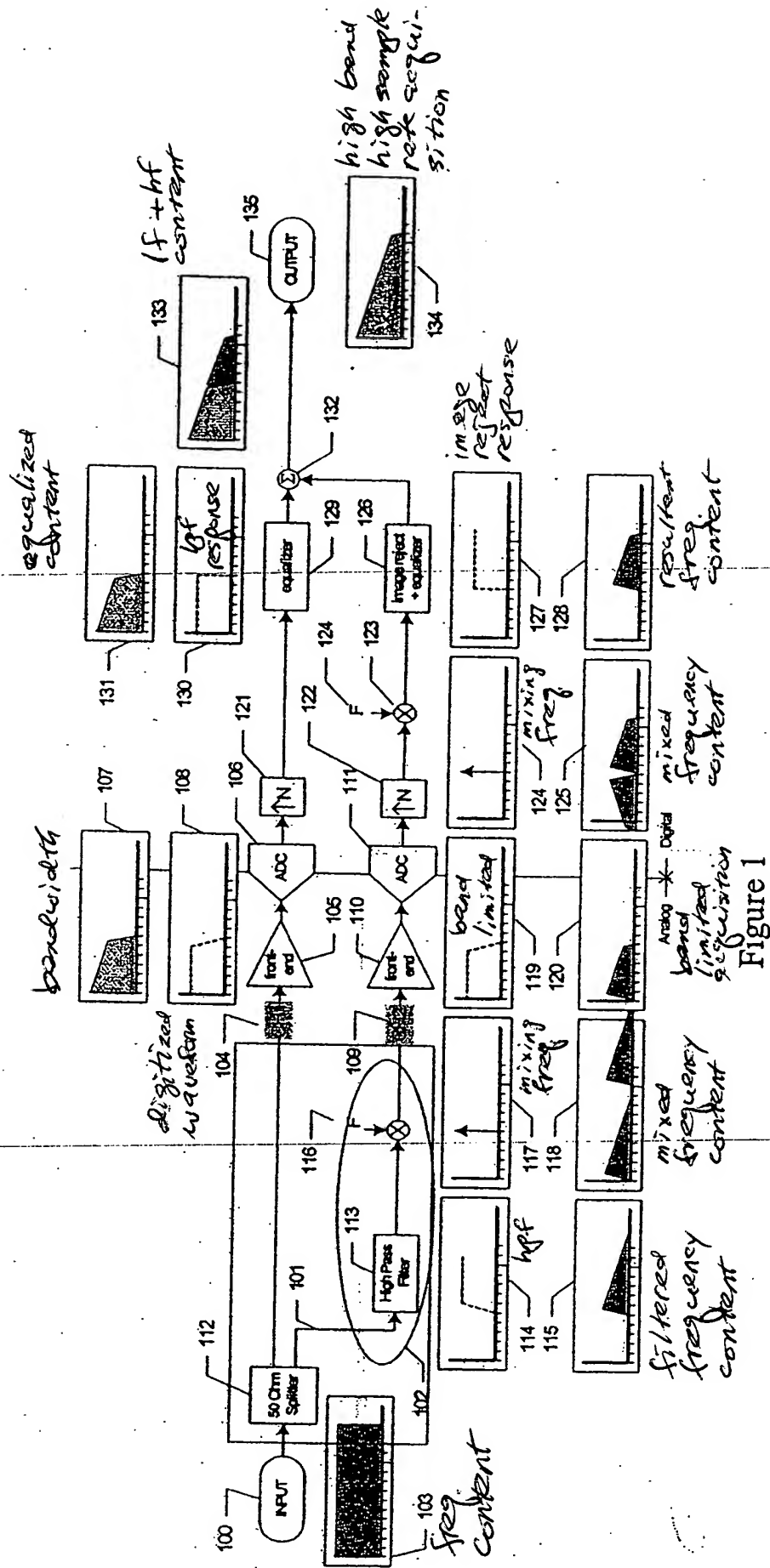


Figure 1